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As a below named inventor(s), I/we hereby declare that:

My/our residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my/our name(s):

I/we believe I/we am/are the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD FOR INCREASING CAPACITY IN AN AUTOMATIC CLINICAL ANALYZER BY USING MODULAR REAGENT DELIVERY MEANS the specification of which; (check one)

is attached hereto.

was filed on _____
as Application Serial No. _____
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I/we hereby state that I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I/we hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application of patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

| | | | <u>Priority Claimed</u> | |
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| | | | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
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I/we hereby claim the priority benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120, of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a), which is material to the examination of this application and which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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Prior U.S. Application(s)

no such applications filed.
 such applications identified as follows:

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I/we hereby declare that: as to any claimed subject matter of this application which is common to my/our earlier United States or foreign application(s), if any, which I/we have identified above and claimed the benefit of priority thereof, I/we do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States before my/our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my/our invention thereof or more than one year prior to the first of said earlier application(s), or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to the first of said earlier application(s), and that the said common subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate before the date of the first of said earlier U.S. application(s) in any country foreign to the United States on an application, filed by me/us or my/our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months (six months if the present application is a Design patent application) prior to the first of said earlier U.S. application(s), if any; and that, as to any claimed subject matter of this application which is not common to said earlier application(s), if any, I/we do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States before my/our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my/our invention thereof or more than one year prior to the date of this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to the date of this application, and that said subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by me/us or my/our legal representative or assigns more than twelve months (six months if the present application is a Design patent application) prior to the date of this application.

I/we hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Louise S. Pearson, Reg No 32,369; Cynthia G. Tymeson, Reg No 34,745; Leland K. Jordan, Reg No 36,560; and Robert N. Carpenter, Reg No 40,409

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I/we hereby declare that all statements made herein of my/our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States code and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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